

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Figs. 3, 4 and 6, preferred positioning device 1 comprises mounting member 14, preferably formed as a metal extrusion rigidly affixed to chair seat 5 (not seen in Figs. 3-6), and L-shaped strut 15. Strut 15 is slidably inserted into cavity 16 of mounting member 14 so that it is substantially free to telescope or slide therewithin. Deformable guide members 17, 18, 19 and 20 are longitudinally inserted into channels 21', 22', 23' and 24' respectively and are retained by ~~retaining~~ displacement limiting means 25 integrally formed with mounting member 14 and positioned at the ends of channels 21'-24'. Deformable polymeric guide members 17-20, shown in Fig. 6 allow for smooth displacement of strut 15 relative to mounting member 14.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Fig. 9 a new preferred channel shape is seen in channels 21', 22', 23' and 24' (only channel 23' is shown) each designed having an elliptical shape so as to provide peripheral cavities 36 and 37 to allow for easy deformation of guide member 19 when submitted to load 38. The somewhat deformed state 40 of guide member 19 ~~seen in dotted lines~~ (guide member 19 shown in Fig. 9 in dotted lines) allows guide member 19 to partially occupy

peripheral cavities 36 and 37 of channel 23' so strut 15 is therefore able to displace from an initial position 41 (shown as dotted lines) to a new position 42. As would be understood channels 21', 22' and 24' are identical in shape to channel 23'. Thus the channel embodiment of Fig. 9 is more tolerant when strut 15 is undersized or oversized and reduces binding or looseness of strut 15 relative to mounting member 14 over a wider range of manufacturing conditions and tolerance.